

A NEW PROJECT

Developed at the Meeting of Council Last Evening In

THE STROEBEL RESOLUTION

Providing For Ordinance Empowering the Gas Board to

GO INTO ELECTRIC LIGHTING

And to Sell Electrical Power—The Resolution was Referred to Committee on Ordinances to Frame an Ordinance to be Submitted to Council—City Clerk C. H. Watkins Resigns, and "Tom" O'Brien is His Successor—Walter Worls Clerk of First Branch, and Philip Maurer Succeeds Worls in Second Branch.

Features of the regular meeting of the city legislature last evening were the resignation of Charles H. Watkins as city clerk, the election of Thomas O'Brien, Jr., as his successor, the election of Walter Worls as clerk of the first branch and the selection of Philip Maurer as a member of the second branch from the Second ward, succeeding Mr. Worls. More interesting than these developments, all of which were expected, was the introduction of the following resolution by Mr. Stroebel, of the first branch:

Resolved, That the committee on ordinances be and are hereby instructed to draft an ordinance empowering the city gas board to prepare the purposes of heat, light, motive power, etc., and privileging them to use the streets and alleys of the city to the extent necessary to carry out this project.

The resolution was referred to the committee on ordinances, which will frame an ordinance in accordance with the provisions of the resolution.

The Stroebel resolution means that an attempt is to be made in council to place the gas board in the electric lighting business, in the face of the alleged fact that the Wheeling Electrical company has a franchise that excludes the city from being its competitor, and the further fact that council recently granted another and similar franchise to the Consumers' Electrical company, which it was supposed would prevent the gas board from entering the electric lighting business for the ensuing thirty years. Since this latter franchise was granted, however, there has been considerable discussion on the subject, and it is said some legal authorities hold that the Wheeling and Consumers' franchises will not prevent the gas board from going into the electric lighting business. The Stroebel resolution and the ordinance that is to follow mean that an attempt will be made to put the gas board into the general electric lighting business.

A QUORUM SECURED.

There was some difficulty in securing a quorum in the two branches, but at 8:10 o'clock both were called to order with quorums present. Mayor Sweeney was in the chair, and in the second branch, in President Maxwell's absence Mr. Caldwell was called to the presiding officer's chair. Minutes of preceding meetings were read and approved.

CITY CLERK'S REPORT.

The report of City Clerk Watkins, showing the condition of the several departments, was as follows:

DEPARTMENTS.	Appropriations.	Expenditures.	Balance.
Board of public works.....	\$ 8,99 17	6,88 22	\$ 2,09 95
Fire department.....	13,76 16	10,21 47	3,55 69
Health department.....	3,76 00	2,54 85	1,21 15
Markets.....	8 14	2 28	5 86
Police.....	11,53 32	9,34 68	2,18 64
City prison.....	1,79 66	1,65 10	1,14 56
Scales and weighing.....	375 00	116 40	258 60
Real estate.....	1,415 51	912 99	502 52
Cemeteries.....	375 00	195 50	179 50
Salaries.....	4,781 12	3,912 60	868 52
Contingent expenses.....	5,396 66	4,355 00	1,041 66
Compromises.....	1,559 37	1,250 37	309 00
Loan of 1871.....	9,320 00	7,260 00	2,060 00
City water.....	41,827 54	22,305 65	19,521 89
City gas works.....	47,499 95	37,854 57	9,645 38
Collection of taxes.....	1,000 00	477 64	522 36
Totals.....	\$157,238 44	\$109,549 67	\$47,688 77

James K. Hall, city collector, paid to A. H. Forgy, receiver, the following amounts to May 9:

Fifty-cent levy.....\$13,053 11

Ten-cent levy.....2,573 57

Total.....\$15,626 68

PROF. SHOCKEY ELECTED.

In the first branch the resignation of Louis Horkheimer, member for the Third ward, was presented and accepted. In his stead the branch elected Prof. Herman Shockey. The new member was sworn in by Mayor Sweeney and was seated.

FIRE COMMITTEE.

The fire department committee reported the following changes in the department, which were confirmed by council:

Atlantic—William G. Clator made the chief's assistant.
Hook and Ladder—Dan Spring succeeds Ed Knowles, resigned, and is made second assistant. Charles Kurner, driver, vice Dan Spring.
Eighth ward—Harry Belswenger, vice W. J. Devine, resigned. F. C. Groppie, pipeman, vice Sam Gibbons, resigned.

Nagara—James Smith, driver, vice Alex. Rogers, resigned.
The recommendation of the committee that larger water mains be laid on Coal street commencing at Third street, North Wheeling, and on Twenty-ninth street and Caldwell's run, beginning at Jacob street, and to box 59, was passed by council.

LICENSES GRANTED.

The committee on petitions and remonstrances reported favorably on the coffee house applications of C. F. Bery, 1700 Wood street, and Thomas McLaughlin, 2601 Chapline street, and council granted the licenses.

WATER BOARD OBJECTS.

The city water board presented a communication, in which objection was made to the location of the new crematory near the water reservoir on Wheeling hill, and the claim was made that the water would become impregnated with the odors arising from the crematory plant. On motion the communication was referred to the committees on water works and health.

PETITIONS TO COUNCILS.

H. J. Leasure, owner of lot No. 2 on Baltimore & Ohio railroad, between Forty-third and Forty-fourth streets, objected to the draining of water from other lots in the vicinity onto his property. On motion the matter was referred to the board of public works.

J. M. Hammond and other citizens of

the Seventh ward petitioned for sewer in Alley 42. Referred to committee on finance.

WATER BOARD TO REPORT.

Mr. Chew introduced a resolution that the city water board be required to furnish council on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month a detailed statement of expenditures, and that at the next meeting of council the clerk of the water board furnish such a statement from February 10, 1899. The resolution was adopted.

TO INVESTIGATE.

Mr. Fox introduced a resolution authorizing the city engineer to investigate the fill being made by the Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis Railway company on the river bank north of the old water works, and ascertain whether or not city property is being encroached upon. The resolution was passed without opposition.

BILLS ORDERED PAID.

The following bills were ordered paid: Cemeteries committee.....\$ 54 12
Accounts committee.....31 20
Fire department committee.....648 45
Health committee.....273 50
Police committee.....\$ 81 00
City prison.....140 55—231 55
Real estate committee.....28 96

Total.....\$1,157 78

CITY CLERK'S RESIGNATION.

The resignation of City Clerk Charles H. Watkins was presented and was read by Assistant Clerk Nolte. It was as follows:

WHEELING, W. Va., May 9, 1899.

To His Honor, the Mayor, and the council of the city of Wheeling:

GENTLEMEN:—Having made definite arrangements to engage in mercantile pursuits, I hereby tender my resignation of the office of city clerk, to take effect as soon as my successor is elected and qualified to take the city's service.

Before retiring, I desire to extend my thanks to the citizens of Wheeling generally for the confidence reposed in me—having twice elected me to this office; and to the mayor, members of council and other city officials for the courtesies shown me while in the city's service.

Yours Respectfully,

CHARLES H. WATKINS.

Mr. Kindelberger moved that the resignation be accepted. Mr. Fox seconded, and expressed the regret of council that so efficient a public official's services had to come to an end. The resignation was then accepted. Mr. Long moved that a vote of thanks be tendered to Mr. Watkins. The motion was passed with a hurrah.

THE JOINT SESSION.

Council then went into joint session, Mayor Sweeney and President Maxwell presiding, to elect a successor to City Clerk Watkins and city weighers. The weighers were first elected, as follows:

Fourth and Main—Edward Nelhaus (R.) and Henry Vollinger (D.) were proposed. Nelhaus was elected—25 to 14.

Tenth and Market—L. C. Reed (R.) was elected without opposition.

Tenth and McCulloch—Charles A. Exley (R.); no opposition.

Seventeenth and McCulloch—John Hornish (R.); no opposition.

Eoff, between Sixteenth and Seventeenth—Samuel Cole (R.) and John Arthur, Sr., (D.) were proposed; the vote was 23 to 15 in favor of Cole.

Twenty-third and Market—William Connors (R.); no opposition.

Zane street, Island—James Campbell (R.); no opposition.

Huron street, Island—George Zilles (R.); no opposition.

Thirty-third and Chapline—Theodore Schultze (R.); no opposition.

Thirty-third and McCulloch—H. E. Renard (R.); no opposition.

Thirtieth and McCulloch—B. Charneck (R.); no opposition.

Forty-first and McCulloch—George H. Westwood (R.); no opposition.

Forty-second street—P. Dougherty (R.); no opposition.

Forty-eighth and McCulloch—Phillip Kurtz (R.); no opposition.

Twenty-ninth and Eoff—Thomas J. Troy (R.); no opposition.

Twenty-seventh and Main—Lawrence Coffey (D.), William Wilson (R.) and C. E. Elsworth were named. In naming Mr. Elsworth Councilman Waterhouse alleged that Wilson is not able to perform the duties of the office and was being put in by people who sell coal. The vote stood: Wilson, 24; Coffey, 3; Elsworth, 11.

Thirty-third and Thirty-fifth streets—W. W. McConnell (R.); no opposition.

Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets—J. C. Connors (R.); no opposition.

The election of city clerk was then taken up. Mr. Kindelberger named Thomas O'Brien, Jr.; seconded by Mr. Bachman. Mr. Killen named William Connors (R.) as the Democratic candidate for the office. The vote stood:

O'Brien.....24
Paul.....15

Before the result was announced Messrs. Schmidt and Waterhouse, Democrats, changed to O'Brien, and on motion of Mr. Stroebel, Democrat, the election of O'Brien was made unanimous.

Before adjournment President Maxwell arose and paid a high tribute to the valuable services rendered the city by Mr. Watkins during his incumbency of the office of city clerk. Democrats and Republicans alike, he said, acknowledged that he had been a most capable official. It was not too much to say that "Pap" Watkins had won the respect of every man in council with whom he had come in contact. We all love him, said Mr. Maxwell, and we do not propose to allow him to retire from office without something more than empty words. We have something more substantial around the city building to-night, and if it would be produced the speaker would take pleasure in presenting it to Mr. Watkins. At the word Janitor Frank Edele brought in the "something" and laid it on the reporters' desk of the second branch.

When the speaker said in felt assured that every councilman would join with him in wishing the retiring city clerk God-speed in his new venture. Mr. Maxwell then referred to an unfortunate canvass he had once made of the city in conjunction with Mr. Watkins (when he ran for mayor), and he could testify that nothing stronger than tea and coffee had any attraction for the latter. During his remaining days, said the speaker, we will feed him on tea and coffee. At this stage of the proceedings council's gift to Mr. Watkins had been unwrapped and was exposed to the admiring gaze of the assembled councilmen. Mr. Maxwell again arose and on behalf of his fellow councilmen presented the handsome silver and gold tea and coffee set to the modest "old boy" who has filled the office of city clerk so acceptably during the past three years.

The scene was affecting. Mr. Watkins arising and being unable to say more than "I am no speech-maker," when he sat down again and gave way to the feelings that overcame him.

The newly elected city clerk, Mr. O'Brien, then arose and on behalf of Mr. Watkins thanked council in a neat little speech for their kindness in remembering him so handsomely on this occasion.

THE CLOSING SCENES.

In the first branch, the resignation of Thomas O'Brien, Jr., as clerk of the branch, was read by that gentleman and was accepted. The Republican caucus nominee, Walter Worls, was placed in nomination and went through with a whirl, the Democrats contenting themselves with making it unanimous. Mr. Worls was then sworn in by Mayor Sweeney.

In the second branch, Walter Worls resigned as member from the Second ward, and on motion of Mr. Bloomfield Philip Maurer was chosen his successor. There was no opposition.

The bond of the incoming city clerk, Thomas O'Brien, Jr., was presented for approval. It is in the sum of \$5,000, with Thomas O'Brien, Sr., and Paul O. Keymann as sureties. The bond was approved by the two branches, and then Mr. O'Brien was sworn into office by President Maxwell, of the second branch.

At 9:00 p. m. council adjourned.

OWNED THE TOWN.

Circus Eclipses Even the Strike as a Star Attraction.

TWO LARGE CROWDS ATTENDED

The Performances Given by the Wallace Shows at Bridge Park—Excellent Satisfaction was the Rule—The Show is Followed by a Numerous Gang of Crooks, who Victimized Many People—One Pickpocket Case.

Wallace's circus paid its first visit to Wheeling yesterday, and all the good words preceding it were verified by the big crowds that attended both performances. The circus showed at Bridge park, on the Island, afternoon and evening, and gave a creditable street parade in the forenoon. Not as many of the rural brethren as usually attend circuses were in evidence, but their city cousins with their wives, their uncles, aunts and children were out in force.

The weather was of the best possible tone for a big turnout of people. The sun pursued the even tenor of his way on the day turn, and sufficient breeze was stirring to temper surplus sunshine. Contrary to expectations, the strike failed to affect the attendance. Wagons galore were pressed into service, while the truth of the motto "I'll walk" was exemplified by the thousands of foot passengers that passed over the bridges. An added tinge of the interest attending scenes at the circus grounds were the efforts put forth by the strikers to prevent patronage of the cars, and at night they were equally successful.

The fascination a circus possesses seems never to wane. Your friend who has "seen them all," and who proclaims the day beforehand that "to see one circus is to see them all," went to Wallace's just the same, "just for the children's sake." And incidentally his hand dived into his pockets with a familiar movement, and he was soon munching peanuts and holding the toy balloon over his shoulder as of yore. His neighbor did likewise, and so all down the line. Red lemonade found a host of consumers, mouths gaped at the wild man and the other side show freaks, an extra dime went for the concert "immediately after the big show," and last night many a little boy's dreams were a conglomeration of elephants, monkeys, resplendent trapezists and sawdust rings.

The Wallace shows presented a multitude of novel features, and there were several departures from the old time methods. The show was remarkably clean, and its splik and span appearance, the smoothness and speedy succession of act after act were truly refreshing. The menagerie was not the mammoth affair Barnum & Bailey's is, but one elephant is as good as a hundred. Those people who judged the show by the comparative smallness of the parade were agreeably disappointed with the performance under "the sea of canvases." The acrobatic work by the Nelson family has never been equaled, and the work of the nine members was wonderful in its startling cleverness.

Another hit was scored by the Strik family, trick bicycle riders. The trapeze turns and bareback riding were up to the standard, while the hippodrome races, in which the oldest circus rider expected nothing new, were the prettiest exhibitions ever given in this vicinity. Following above all the many excellent features were the stately representations by the Delameds. Famous works of the old masters were realistically portrayed, the effect being beautiful in the extreme. This alone was worth the price of admission.

A PICKPOCKET CASE.

Only One was Reported to the Police On "Circus Day."

The only circus pickpocketing case that was reported to the police occurred previous to the evening performance. Miss Clara E. Goldstrom, daughter of Fred Goldstrom, of Water street, had her watch stolen while she was purchasing a circus ticket. The thief snatched the watch suddenly, breaking the chain at the keeper. Patrol Driver "Joe" May fortunately was on the scene in the nick of time, and the thief dropped the watch when pursued. The officer secured the watch, but the light-fingered artist escaped. Miss Goldstrom didn't know of its recovery until later in the evening, when Lieutenant Supple called at her home and agreeably surprised her. The watch, which bore her name, was a birthday present. Chief Clemens had an ample force of men on the grounds, who kept their eyes peeled for pickpockets. A number of greenies were fleeced to a finish in a skin game worked in one of the tents, but they met with little sympathy.

MANY SNEAK THIEVES.

Several Attempts Made Last Night to Enter Island Houses.

The police stated last night that the Wallace circus is being followed by an unusually large number of sneak thieves and all round crooks. In addition to the one case of picking pockets reported at headquarters and several instances of verdant countrymen being fleeced by gamblers, it was learned that several attempts were made during the night performance to enter residences on the Island in the vicinity of the Bridge park. Lieutenant Supple ordered the Island officers to patrol the streets near the park, but at a late hour no arrests had been made.

France's New President.

President Loubet, the new president of France, is, if anything, calm, sane, a trifle bourgeois and utterly devoid of sense of self-importance. But there is a strong and irresistible will behind his bland face, and he looks like a man who would induce into run-down French politics as much vigor and new life as Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will into the run-down system of anyone who uses it. It is an absolute cure for the worst of all stomach disorders.

On a Gunning Trip.

PRINCETON, N. J., May 9.—Former President Cleveland left Princeton today and went in his private car to Philadelphia. There he took the Baltimore & Ohio railroad for the west. It is thought that he is on another gunning trip, as he went west by the same route last year for that purpose.



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AFFECTING DEMONSTRATIONS.

Attend the Departure of General Henry From Porto Rico.

SAN JUAN DE PORTO RICO, May 9.—Major General Guy V. Henry, the retiring governor of Porto Rico, left for the United States to-day on board the United States transport McPherson. His departure was attended with lively and affecting demonstrations. General Henry and Mrs. Henry were presented with a portrait of the former, and received many other gifts and testimonials of affection. He was visibly affected by the unmistakable tokens of good will.

Brigadier General George W. Davis, the new military governor of the island, and his entire staff were present.

The McPherson left the harbor amid the booming of guns, the women on shore waving their handkerchiefs and in not a few cases shedding tears of genuine regret.

Will Command a Majority.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—In the highest German quarters it is stated that there is no doubt whatever that the German government will be able to command the requisite majority to pass the government measure relating to the inspection of meat, foreign and domestic, now before the reichstag and for this reason there is said to be no ground for the apprehension expressed in this country that the adverse action on the bill in committee would prejudice the negotiations between the United States and Germany. The bill now pending in the reichstag is to a considerable extent the result of negotiations between Berlin and Washington and is acceptable to the government authorities on both sides, as well as to the American meat industry.

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